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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 94-03

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY GAIN COORDINATORS

Reason for this Transmittal

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE (GAIN)
ANNUAL PLAN UPDATES FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 1993-94

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 90-115, 92-20, 93-20, and 93-58

This letter is to notify counties of the requirements for the submission of annual GAIN plan updates. The Department held up the release of this letter to allow counties more time to formulate their plan for using the new GAIN funding that was allocated this fiscal year.

The process for submission of the plan update for FY 1993/94 is similar to the process for the FY 1992/93 plan update (see ACL NO. 92-20). As requested last year, please include a description of changes to be made since submission of your last plan update. The updates for FY 1993/94 are due by February 28, 1994.

The FY 1993/94 budget includes a substantial increase in funding for the GAIN Program. As stated in the GAIN allocation letter, ACL NO. 93-58, the increase provides a significant opportunity to serve more Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients. Therefore, in completing the plan updates, counties must provide detail on how they will use the funding increase to expand the GAIN Program and improve services provided to clients. Specifically, the updates should include (but not be limited to):

- What steps are being taken to allow the county to serve additional participants;
- Projections on how many additional participants will be served in the current year and subsequent years;
- The county's ability to absorb NET Program participants into their GAIN Program. (Instructions for the transfer of NET Program participants to GAIN are contained in ACL NO. 93-20, dated March 10, 1993.)

In addition, the updates must include the county's updated goals/projections for GAIN participants' job placements, and any actions that have been put in place to increase job placements.

Other items that should be included in the plan updates are modifications to labor market information reflecting an addition or deletion of a major employer, child care resource information reflecting a significant change in the number of available child care slots, or a major change in service delivery such as contracting out or terminating a contract for program services. Counties will be responsible for ensuring that their plans contain information on these types of changes, and that their plans provide an accurate description of the current circumstances in their area.

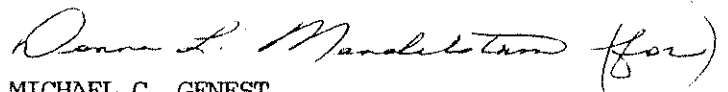
The updates must also include a letter certifying the level of cooperation from the local Private Industry Council [see Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 42-720.412(d)(1)]. In addition, Cost Reduction Plans (CRPs) must continue to be submitted consistent with the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11322.2 and 11322.4, MPP Section 42-720.6 and ACL NO. 90-115. The updates and the CRPs will continue to require the approval of Boards of Supervisors.

Counties participating in the concurrent enrollment program must describe the activities which will be combined and the choice of program flow options (per MPP 42-772.582) which will be available to participants in the county.

Additional information is also needed as a result of the new AFDC-U participation requirements which became effective January 2, 1994. Those regulations were filed and became effective on January 1, 1994. The Department is currently in the process of distributing copies of these regulations to the counties. County updates must include a description of the criteria to be used to determine when an assessment is required and when concurrent enrollment is appropriate for AFDC-U participants (see MPP Sections 42-775.211 and 42-775.43).

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact your GAIN Operations Analyst at (916) 657-3403.

Sincerely,



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